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Letter dated 28 October 2013 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw the attention of the Security Council to the resumption of hostilities in North Kivu, a situation provoked by the hostile forces of the 23 March Movement (M23) which, with troop and logistical reinforcements received from Rwanda, attacked the positions of the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo at 4 a.m. on 24 October 2013 at Kanyamahoro, in the territory of Nyiragongo.

For the past two weeks M23 elements had been strengthening their positions on the front line before launching their offensive.

1. Reaction of the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Confronted by the attacks launched by the hostile forces of M23 and their allies, the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo responded blow by blow to defend themselves and repel the attackers.

2. Rwanda's false allegations

As might have been expected, the statements by the Rwandan authorities alleging that shells fired from the Democratic Republic of the Congo fell in Rwandan territory are simply a pack of lies that are completely unfounded and have the aim of preparing public opinion for an official entry of the regular troops of the Rwandan army which, in reality, have already been observed in Congolese territory and are fighting alongside terrorists from M23.

3. The deployment of the Intervention Brigade along the eastern borders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo

In view of the development of the situation on the ground since the launching of hostilities by M23 last week, my Government calls upon the Intervention Brigade to deploy as rapidly as possible along the eastern borders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo-Rwanda border and Democratic Republic of the Congo-Uganda border) in order to prevent troop incursions and movements. This request accords with the provisions of Security Council resolution 2098 (2013), paragraph 12, which gives a mandate to the Intervention Brigade to observe and report on flows of military personnel, arms or

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related materiel across the eastern border of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including by using surveillance capabilities, as indicated in the letter from the President of the Security Council dated 22 January 2013 (S/2013/44).

Accordingly, my Government urges the Security Council to:

1. Condemn the resumption of hostilities at Kanyamahoro by the hostile forces of M23;

2. Demand that the hostile forces of M23 be fully demobilized and lay down their weapons;

3. Order the rapid deployment of the Intervention Brigade along the eastern borders of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Democratic Republic of the Congo-Rwanda border and Democratic Republic of the Congo-Uganda border) to prevent troop incursions and movements on the border;

4. Call on the countries of the region and on Rwanda to ensure strict respect for all the commitments they have freely undertaken, in accordance with the framework agreement and, more particularly, in respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Democratic Republic of the Congo;

5. Order the immediate and unconditional withdrawal from the territory of the Democratic Republic of the Congo of the Rwandan special forces fighting alongside M23.

My Government calls on the Security Council to follow up on this letter and to have it circulated as a document of the Council.

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